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EXPANSION OF POSTAL NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government for the expansion of postal network during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount spent and the result achieved in various States under that programme during the plan period, year-wise; and

(c) the target set in this regard for Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) In the Tenth Plan provision was made under the Plan Scheme `Expansion of Postal Network` for opening of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras (PSSKs), Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in rural and tribal areas and Departmental Sub Post Offices.

(b) Year-wise expenditure under the scheme and the postal outlets opened under the scheme are given in the Annexure.

(c) Since Planning Commission has not finalized the Eleventh Five Year Plan targets for the Department, the same have not been fixed.

ANNEXURE

Physical Achievement and Expenditure Booked for opening of Post Offices and Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras(PSSK) during 10th Five Year Plan

Year	Physical Achievement (Opening of Post Offices)	Expenditure Booked (Opening of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra)	Physical Achievement	Expenditure Booked
2002-2003	266	649737.85	1482	9353940.39
2003-2004	219	3140327.55	889	18062213.70
2004-2005	Nil	2802354.00	Nil	17732772.74
2005-2006	Nil	Nil	Nil	16312642.30
2006-2007	10	1449092.00	Nil	14564468.42
Total	495	8041511.40	2371	76026037.55

This includes recurring expenditure incurred on PSSKs for fixed monthly allowance and commission for sale of stamps and stationery, booking of Registered letters etc.